MONICA P. ESCALERAS R.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) August 2006-Present
Department of Economics, Florida Atlantic University
Visiting Assistant Professor August 2004-June 2006
Department of Economics, Florida Atlantic University
Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) August 2003-July 2004
Department of Economics and Finance, College of Charleston

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Development Economics, Economics of Public Policy, Macroeconomics, and Political Economy.

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Traffic Fatalities: Does Income Inequality Create an Externality?," with Charles Register and Nejat Anbarci, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, forthcoming

2. "The Ill-effects of Public Sector Corruption in the Water and Sanitation Sector," with Charles Register and Nejat Anbarci, *Land Economics*, forthcoming

3. "Ethnic Tensions and Social Infrastructure," with Charles Register, *Applied Economics*, forthcoming

4. "Mitigating Natural Disasters Through Collective Action: The Effectiveness of Tsunami Early Warnings," with Charles A. Register, *Southern Economic Journal*, 74, April 2008, 107-1034.

5. Exchange Rate uncertainty, Sociopolitical Instability and Private Investment: empirical evidence from Latin America", with Dimitrios Thomakos, *Review of Development Economics*, 12, May 2008, 372-385.

6. The Potentially Deadly Effect of Weak Property Rights from a Household Perspective" (with Charles Register), *Proceedings of the Natural Hazards and Disasters Research Meeting*, July 2007, Boulder, Colorado.

7. "Earthquake Fatalities: Corruption and the Law of Unintended Consequences," (with Nejat Anbarci and Charles A. Register, *Public Choice*, 127, July 2007, 209-230.

8. "Political Determinants of U.S. State Fiscal Performance: An Analysis of Party Alternation and Divided Government," with Peter Calcagno, *Economics of Governance*, 8, February 2007, 111-128.

9. "Traffic Fatalities and Public Sector Corruption," with Nejat Anbarci and Charles A. Register, *Kyklos*, 59, August 2006, 327-344.

10. Earthquakes Fatalities: The Interaction of Nature and Political Economy," with Nejat Anbarci and Charles A. Register, *Journal of Public Economics*, 89, March 2005, 1907-1933.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- "Freedom of Information Acts and Public Sector Corruption" (with Shu Lin and Charles Register)

- "Natural Disasters and Foreign Direct Investment," (with Charles Register).

- "Poverty, Inequality, Segregation, and the Spread of Infectious Diseases" (with Nejat Anbarci and Charles Register).

- "Corruption and Voter Participation: Evidence from U.S. States," (with Bill Shughart and Peter Calcagno)

- "An Analysis of State Expenditures and Varying Gubernatorial Term Limits," (with Peter Calcagno).

- "A Holistic Approach to the Determinants of Private Investment" (with Constantina Kottaridi)

PROJECTS IN DIFFERENT STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

- "Income, Income Inequality and Collective Action: The Case of Cholera Pandemics," (with Nejat Anbarci and Charles A. Register).

- "Tennis Anyone? Strategic Behavior in Junior Tennis," (with Nejat Anbarci and Charles A. Register).

- "When Linkages Take A Holiday: FDI Tax Incentives And Host Country Spillovers" (with Richard Chisik).

COURSES TAUGHT

Principles of Microeconomics
Principles of Macroeconomics
Intermediate Macroeconomics
Economic Development
Women and Development
Race and Political Economy in the United States
International Trade
Money and Banking
Industrial Organization
Economics of Latin America

COURSES DEVELOPED

Economics of Latin America
Race and Political Economy in the United States
Women and Development

CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- Silvaplana Workshop, Silvaplana, Switzerland, July 2008.
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA, November 2007.
- Department of Economics and Finance Research Seminar, College of Charleston, April 2007.
- Public Choice 1st World Meetings, Amsterdam, Netherlands, March 2007.
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Charleston, SC, November 2006.
- Natural Hazards Workshop, Boulder, CO, July 2006.

- Public Choice Annual Meetings, New Orleans, March 2006.
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Washington D.C., November 2005.
- Public Choice Annual Meetings, New Orleans, March 2005.
- Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Annual Meetings, Costa Rica, November 2004.
- Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Annual Meetings, Mexico, October 2003.
- Latin America Econometric Society Annual Meetings, Panama, August 2003.
- Department of Economics and Finance Research Seminar, College of Charleston, February 2003.
- Department of Economics and Finance Research Seminar, University of Tampa, February 2003.
- Department of Business and Economics Research Seminar, Wesleyan College, April 2002.

DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Chair of the Search Committee, December 2008
- Speaker at the Freshman Orientation, May 2008
- Participated in the Writing Across Curriculum Assessment project rating session, May 2008
- Representative at the Undergraduate Council Committee, Aug 2007-May 2008
- Participated in the first Faculty Academic showcase , April 2007
- Marshall at the Undergraduate Graduation Ceremony, Fall 2007
- Advisor of Master Thesis
- Helped gather information for the undergraduate program in the Economics Department
- Helped coordinate the campus visit of a candidate for the Assistant Professor at the Economics Department
- Wrote several letters of recommendations for students
- Regularly attended Seminar Series and Department Meetings
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Referee for *Canadian Journal of Economics*
- Discussant at the Southern Economic Association Meetings, Charleston, 2007
- Discussant at the Public Choice Meetings, Amsterdam, 2007
- Discussant at the Southern Economic Association Meetings, Washington D.C. 2006

EDUCATION

Doctorate in Philosophy **August 1998-May 2003**
Department of Economics, Florida International University
Dissertation Title: "Relative Price Uncertainty, Policy Sustainability and Private Investment: Evidence from three Latin American Economies."

Master of Science in Agribusiness **July 1994-August 1996**
Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida
Thesis Title: "Factors that Determine the Success of Marketing Cooperatives in USA."

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration **August 1988-December 1991**
College of Business Administration, Kentucky Wesleyan College
Major: Business Administration Minor: Management